

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: M. Inoue et al. : Art Unit:
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FOR: COMPONENT MOUNTER :
AND MOUNTING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 9-12 as follows:

- 1 9. (Newly Added) A method of mounting components on
- 2 a board, said method comprising the steps of:
 - 3 a) receiving mounting locations of where said components are
 - 4 intended to be mounted on said board,
 - 5 b) determining where solder for said components is situated
 - 6 on said board,
 - 7 c) determining where said components are to be mounted on
 - 8 said board based on steps a) and b); and
 - 9 d) mounting said components on said board based on step c).